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## **ORMOND BEACH BANK ROBBERS INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY**

Orlando, Florida - Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt today announced the return of an indictment against WILLIE D. UPSON, 31, TROY DEVON MILLER, 29, and ANDREW JACKSON, 21, all of Orlando, charging the men with conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery, armed bank robbery and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. The maximum penalties the men face if convicted on all counts are five years' imprisonment on the conspiracy count, twenty-five years' imprisonment on the armed bank robbery counts, and a *consecutive* term of life imprisonment on the firearms counts. Each of the offenses also carries a maximum fine of \$250,000.

According to the indictment, Upson and Miller robbed a Volusia County branch of the Harbor Federal Savings Bank on February 26, 2007. During the robbery, the men wore disguises, including masks, long pants, long-sleeve shirts and gloves; they also threatened bank employees with firearms in order to obtain approximately \$18,000 in federally insured deposits. The men attempted a second robbery on March 5, 2007, at an Ormond Beach branch of Gateway Bank; this time Upson and Miller were joined by Jackson. Bank employees, however, successfully prevented the men from gaining entry into the bank by activating a magnetic door lock at the branch entrance. Tellers had observed the disguised men as the robbers had approached the front door brandishing firearms.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United

States Attorney's Office, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, the Ormond Beach Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative. Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert E. Bodnar, Jr. and Tanya Davis Wilson.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.